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*****SAVE THE DATE*****

St. Paul, MN - Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) is pleased to announce a visit by Mr. Rocco Landesman, National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Chairman, to St. Paul, Minnesota on August 25, 2010 as part of the chairman's "Art Works" tour. On the visit, Chairman Landesman will discuss the NEA's proposed "Our Town Initiative," which would help implement planning and design projects and arts engagement strategies in communities that see the arts as an integral part of building community and a factor in economic revitalization and development.

Events will be planned to engage both artists and art organizations throughout the community.

Congresswoman McCollum serves on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Environment, which has jurisdiction over the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

WHO: Congresswoman Betty McCollum, representing Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District, and NEA Chairman Rocco Landesman

WHEN: Wednesday, August 25, 2010

WHERE: TBD

Media outlets interested in attending this event are asked to RSVP to Maria Reppas at maria.reppas@mail.house.gov or 202-225-6631.

Organizations in Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District that have received NEA grants include:

- East Side Arts Council
- Graywolf Press
- Minnesota Public Radio
- Penumbra Theatre Company, Inc.
- Springboard for the Arts

- SteppingStone Theatre Co.

Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.

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